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GREED, AND THE LUST FOR RICHES, NO RESPECTER OF TIME, PLACE, OR MAN'S STATION IN LIFE, BURNS BRIGHT IN THE BREASTS OF THE ALREADY RICH AS WELL AS THE POOR, THE WEAK AND TIMID, AS WELL AS ROGUES AND ADVENTURERS! TO ILLUSTRATE THIS BASIC TRUTH, I HAVE CHOSEN TO SPIN A YARN ABOUT THE "UNUSUAL", MIXING IT UP WITH THE COMMONPLACE — A LONG-LOST EGYPTIAN TREASURE, CURSED, OF COURSE, AND ITS EFFECT ON THE LIFE OF A RATHER PLAIN AND UNEXCITING PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND ANTIQUITIES, AND HIS HERETOFORE HAPPY WIFE — A MAN WHO CAME TO A "TURNING POINT" IN HIS STAID LIFE — AND CHOSE THE WRONG PATH TO FOLLOW! BUT I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF IN TELLING YOU A STORY GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU FLIP MORE THAN JUST PAGES... SO, LET'S GET ON WITH IT, DEAR READER, BY THE SIMPLE ACT OF FLIPPING TO THE NEXT PAGE!



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...AND HERE IT STARTS - THE STORY OF PAUL TURNER, APPROPRIATELY TITLED

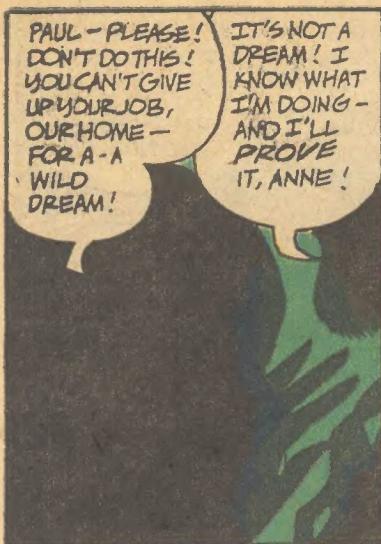
“TURNER'S TREASURE”

PAUL - DON'T YOU FEEL IT? THERE'S 'SOMETHING' HERE! SOMETHING COLD - AND EVIL! PUT THAT CHEST BACK! PLEASE!

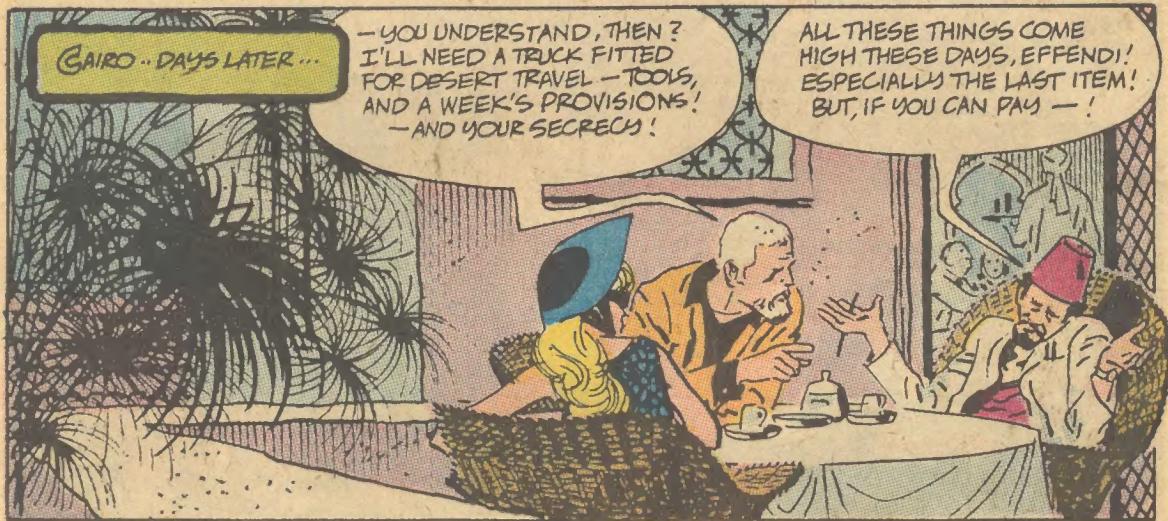
THE TREASURE I CAME 10,000 MILES TO FIND - AND FOUND IT - AND YOU ASK ME TO LEAVE IT? YOU MUST BE MAD!!!





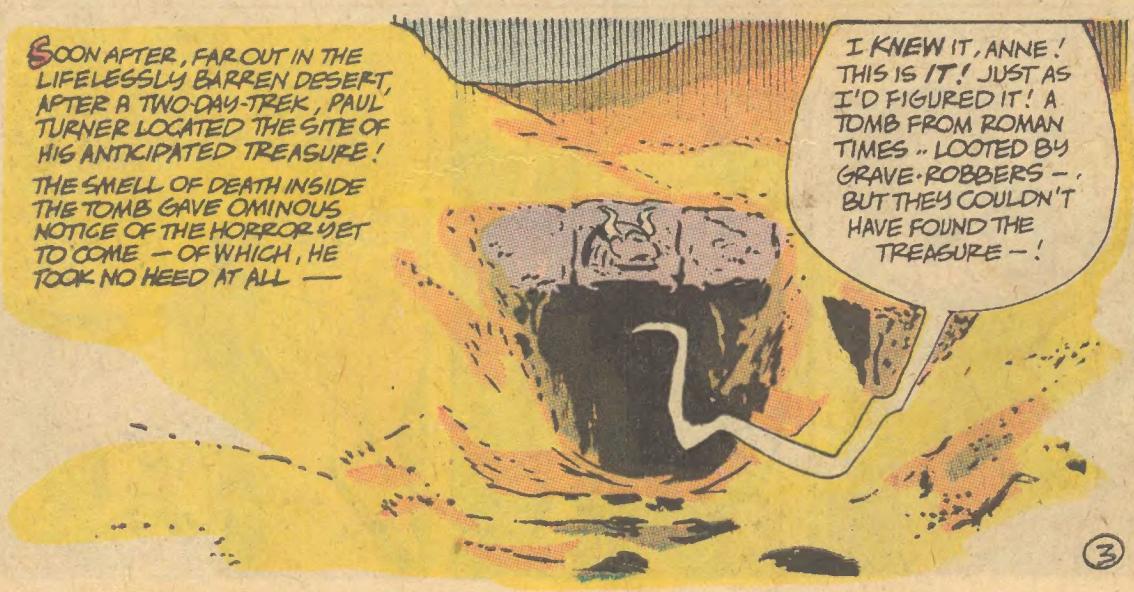


ANNE TURNER, MUCH IN LOVE
WITH PAUL, A GOOD MAN AND
HUSBAND, WAS LEFT WITH
LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO JOIN
HIM ON HIS TREK TO EGYPT
— AND THE UNKNOWN ...



SOON AFTER, FAR OUT IN THE
LIFELESSLY BARREN DESERT,
AFTER A TWO-DAY-TREK, PAUL
TURNER LOCATED THE SITE OF
HIS ANTICIPATED TREASURE!
THE SMELL OF DEATH INSIDE
THE TOMB GAVE OMINOUS
NOTICE OF THE HORROR YET
TO COME - OF WHICH, HE
TOOK NO HEED AT ALL —

I KNEW IT, ANNE!
THIS IS IT! JUST AS
I'D FIGURED IT! A
TOMB FROM ROMAN
TIMES .. LOOTED BY
GRAVE-ROBBERS -
BUT THEY COULDN'T
HAVE FOUND THE
TREASURE - !



THESE PICTOGRAPHS REPRESENT HAPI, SON OF HORUS, THE SUN GOD! HE WAS A DEMON, BUT MY GUIDING ANGEL! IF ALL MY FACTS ARE RIGHT, THEN, BY PRESSING HERE, UNDER THIS THIRD PICTOGRAPH OF HAPI, THIS PANEL SHOULD ...



..OPEN! THERE, ANNE! I WAS RIGHT! IT'S HERE! I KNEW IT WOULD BE! I KNEW IT!



PAUL! THAT SHADOW - !!
IT LOOKS LIKE -

- LIKE NOTHING !!
YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS! LOOK HERE, ANNE - I'M RICH - RICH !!



LOOK AT IT ALL -
ROMAN JEWELRY!
COINS FROM OLD
JERUSALEM.. GOLD,
SILVER - GEMS !!

PAUL - PLEASE
DON'T TOUCH IT!
IT FRIGHTENS
ME! LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE -
THERE'S EVIL
ALL AROUND US!
PLEASE !!



BUT PAUL TURNER DIDN'T LISTEN!

LOOK AT HER — PRETENDING SLEEP! YOU FOOL, SHE WANTS YOUR TREASURE! GET RID OF HER, NOW — BEFORE SHE GETS RID OF YOU — AND TAKES IT ALL.. FOR HERSELF!!

DIDN'T SEE, OR FEEL THE EVIL THAT WOULD TAINT HIS MIND, AND BODY, AND DREAMS... FOR LATE THAT SAME NIGHT, HE HEARD ...



By dawn, transfixed with fear and suspicion, Paul arose, to act out his insane decision...

PAUL..?!
WHAT'S TH-THAT-
BEHIND YOU? —
P-PAUL!
NO! NO!

ANNE'S PART IN PAUL'S STORY ENDED THEN - THERE!
SOON AFTER, BACK IN CAIRO, PAUL SOUGHT OUT A "BUYER" TO PUT THINGS "RIGHT" AGAIN...

- AH, A MOST VALUABLE FIND, EFFENDI! YOU'RE AWARE, OF COURSE, THAT MY GOVERNMENT INSISTS ON SUCH TREASURES OF HISTORICAL VALUE BEING TURNED OVER TO THEM, AND ALSO, HALF OF IT REMAIN IN EGYPT - ?

NEVER MIND THAT, BESHARI! I WANT A PLANE AND PILOT IN RETURN FOR THAT BRACELET! YOU KNOW IT'S WORTH A KING'S RANSOM! WELL? YES, OR NO?



YES, PAUL TURNER GOT HIS PLANE AND PILOT, AND EMBARKED AT ONCE FOR HOME BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE — TO AVOID CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS ALONG THE WAY! HE COULD NOT KNOW THE STRANGE FATE OF HIS CAIRO "BUYER"...

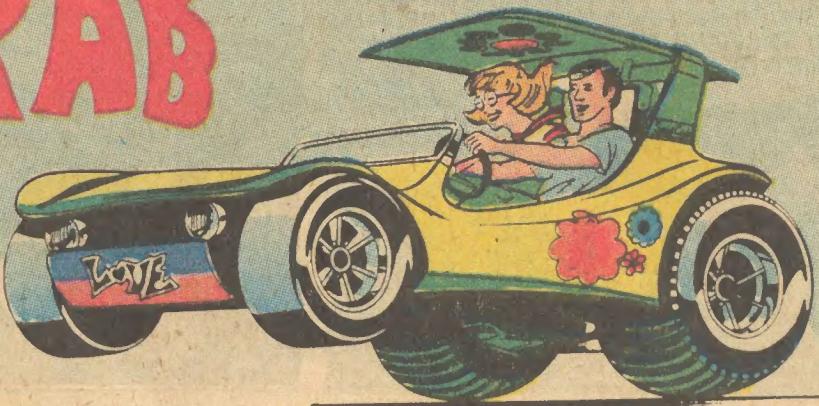
.. WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND IN HIS SHOP THAT VERY DAY — CLUTCHING HIS "BUY" TIGHTLY IN HIS COLD FIST!

FROM THE LOOK OF HIM, HAKIM, I'D SUSPECT HE WAS FRIGHTENED TO DEATH! AND THAT THIS BAUBLE HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH IT — !



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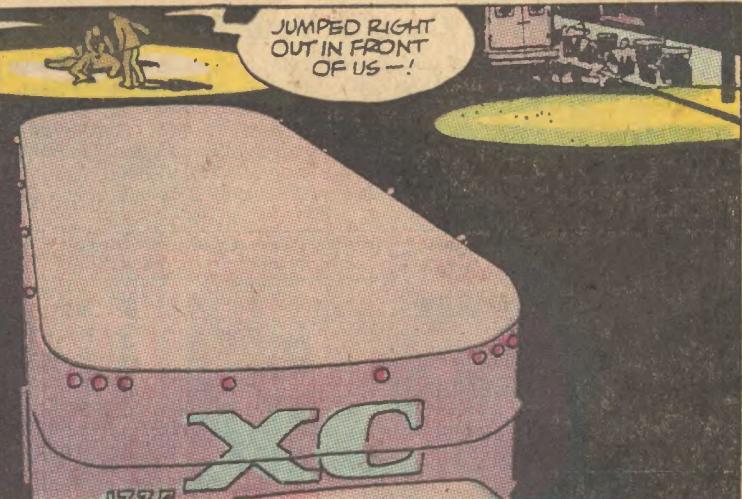
NO - TURNER COULDN'T KNOW, NOR WOULD HE HAVE CARED IF HE HAD KNOWN! HE WAS DEVOID OF EMOTIONS, OTHER THAN LUSTFUL GREED FOR ALL THAT HIS TREASURE COULD GIVE HIM...

- WELL! I SEE NOW WHY YOU INSISTED ON MEETING HERE, INSTEAD OF MY OFFICE! YOU MUST'VE LOOTED A MUSEUM FOR THIS TRINKET! - IT'S -

ANCIENT -
YES, I KNOW!
NOW FORGET IT! YOU'VE GOT'EM, AND I'VE GOT MY MONEY --!
GOODBYE!

ONLY MONEY MATTERED TO PAUL NOW - THERE WAS NO LOOKING BACK ... IF HE HAD, HE MIGHT'VE SEEN ...

WHAT - ?! NO!!



HOW COULD TURNER KNOW THE EVIL THAT HIS "HOT", ACCURSED TREASURE HELD, FOR HIM... AND OTHERS...

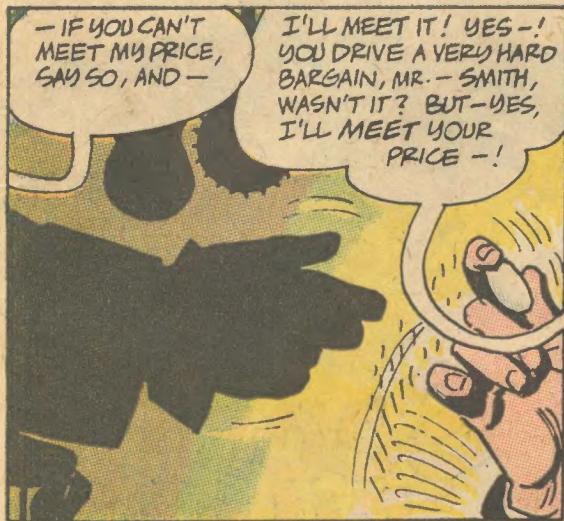
THESE COINS ARE MY LAST, AND MOST VALUABLE PIECES! AFTER SELLING THEM, I'LL LIVE LIKE A KING FOR KEEPS - !



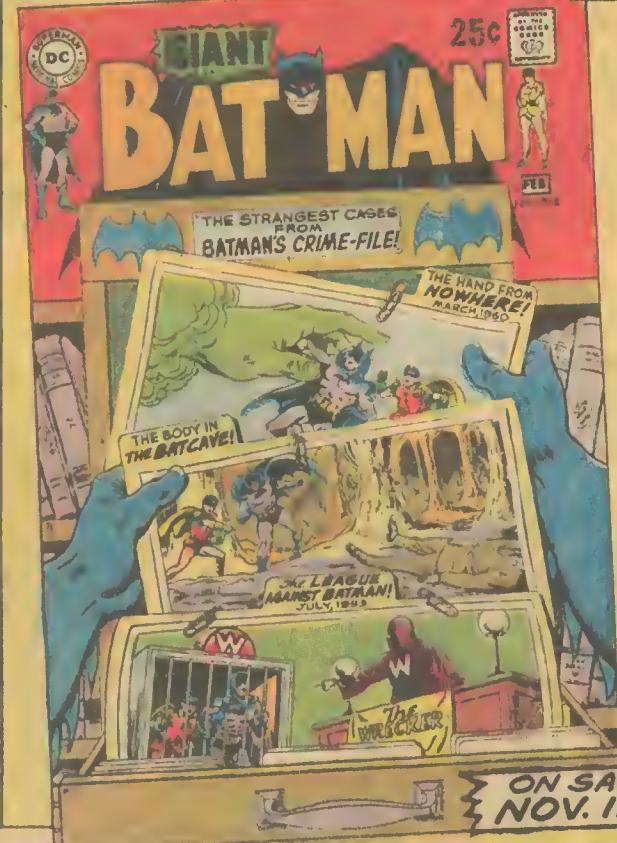
AND HOW COULD HE KNOW WHO... OR WHAT... WAS GUIDING HIM, WHEN...

THERE IT IS!
NOT TOO IMPRESSIVE A PLACE
FOR ONE OF THE BEST-HEELED "FENCES" ON
THE COAST!





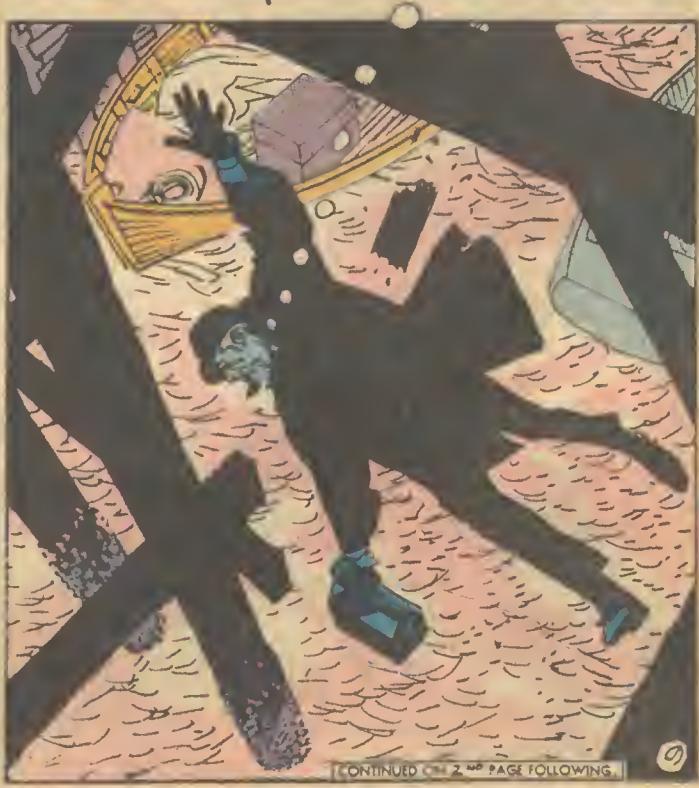
THESE 6 PEOPLE
Davy Crockett
Daniel Boone
Buffalo Bill
Kit Carson
TOMAHAWK
POW-WOW Smith
ARE INVOLVED
IN THE MOST
DARING & DIFFERENT
D.C. SPECIAL!



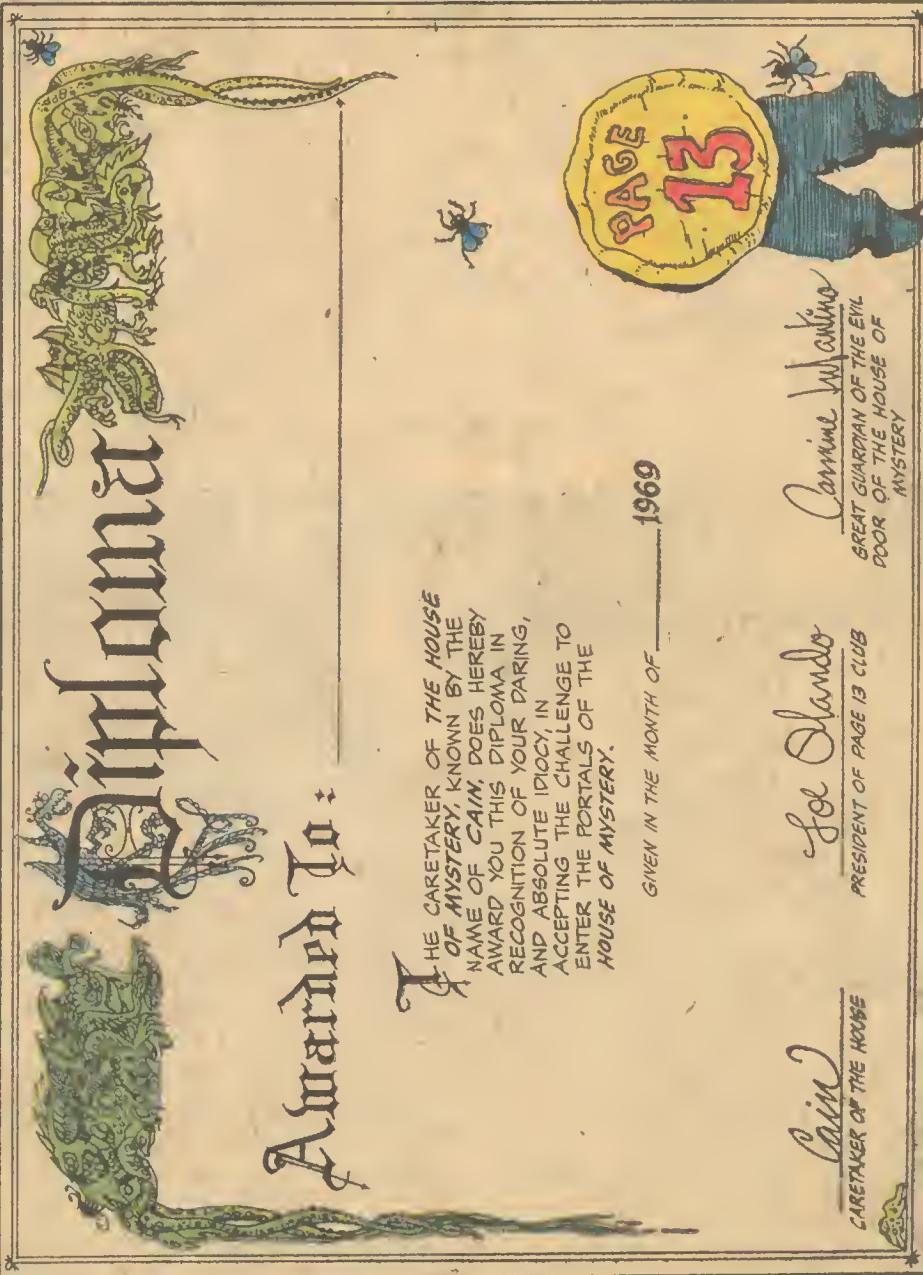
THE
Secret
Files
ARE OPEN
TO THE
MOST
UNUSUAL
Batman
STORIES!

IT WAS ALMOST
OVER — ONLY
THE LAST SCENE
WAS LEFT TO BE
PLAYED, THERE,
ON THAT DARK,
DIRTY STREET,
PRECISELY AT
NINE .. WHEN...





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OF MYSTERY, KNOWN BY THE
NAME OF 'CAIN', DOES HEREBY
AWARD YOU THIS DIPLOMA IN
RECOGNITION OF YOUR DARING,
AND ABSOLUTE IDIOTY, IN
ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE TO
ENTER THE PORTALS OF THE
HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

GIVEN IN THE MONTH OF _____ 1969

Cain
CARETAKER OF THE HOUSE

Joe Orlando
PRESIDENT OF PAGE 13 CLUB

Caroline Valentine
GREAT GUARDIAN OF THE EVIL
DOOR OF THE HOUSE OF
MYSTERY



THAT'S HOW PAUL TURNER'S LIFE - AND STORY - ENDED! MISERABLY! HIS "JUST REWARD" FOR THE DEADLY TRAIL HE AND HIS EVIL TREASURE LEFT BEHIND HIM! - AND MUCH LATER - AS TIME AND TIDE CLAIMED HIS MORTAL REMAINS, THERE, ON THE RIVER'S BOTTOM.. STILL GRIPPING HIS TAINTED TREASURE ..ONE COULD COUNT...

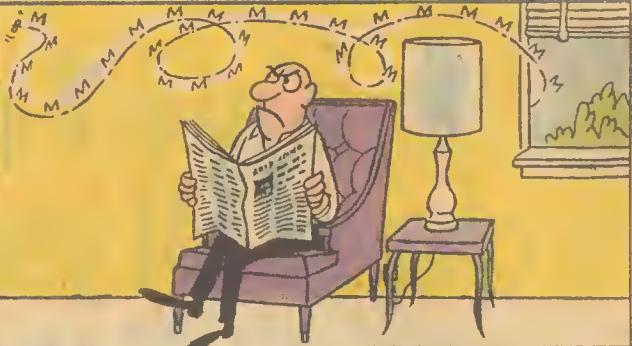


WELL, KIDDIES - ISN'T THAT A KICK IN THE HEAD? A HAPI ENDING -?!! ONE MUST NOT TAKE THE VIRTUES OF THE NOBLE TEACHING PROFESSION LIGHTLY! WE NEED TEACHERS TOO MUCH TO LOSE 'EM LIKE THIS! SO, TO ALL PHILOSOPHY PROFS AT STATE U., AND ELSEWHERE - STICK TO IT - AND AVOID LIKE ADVENTURES INTO THE UNKNOWN! UNLESS, LIKE PAUL TURNER, YOU DIG GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS! ?...

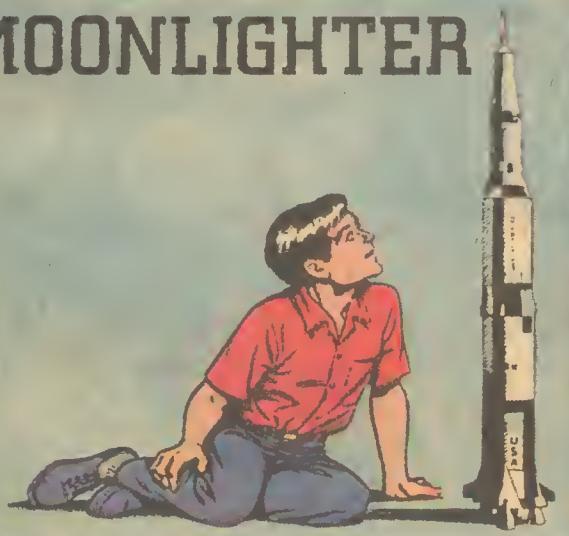
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"THE FLY"

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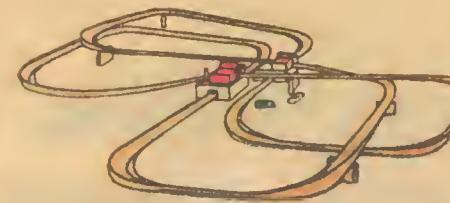
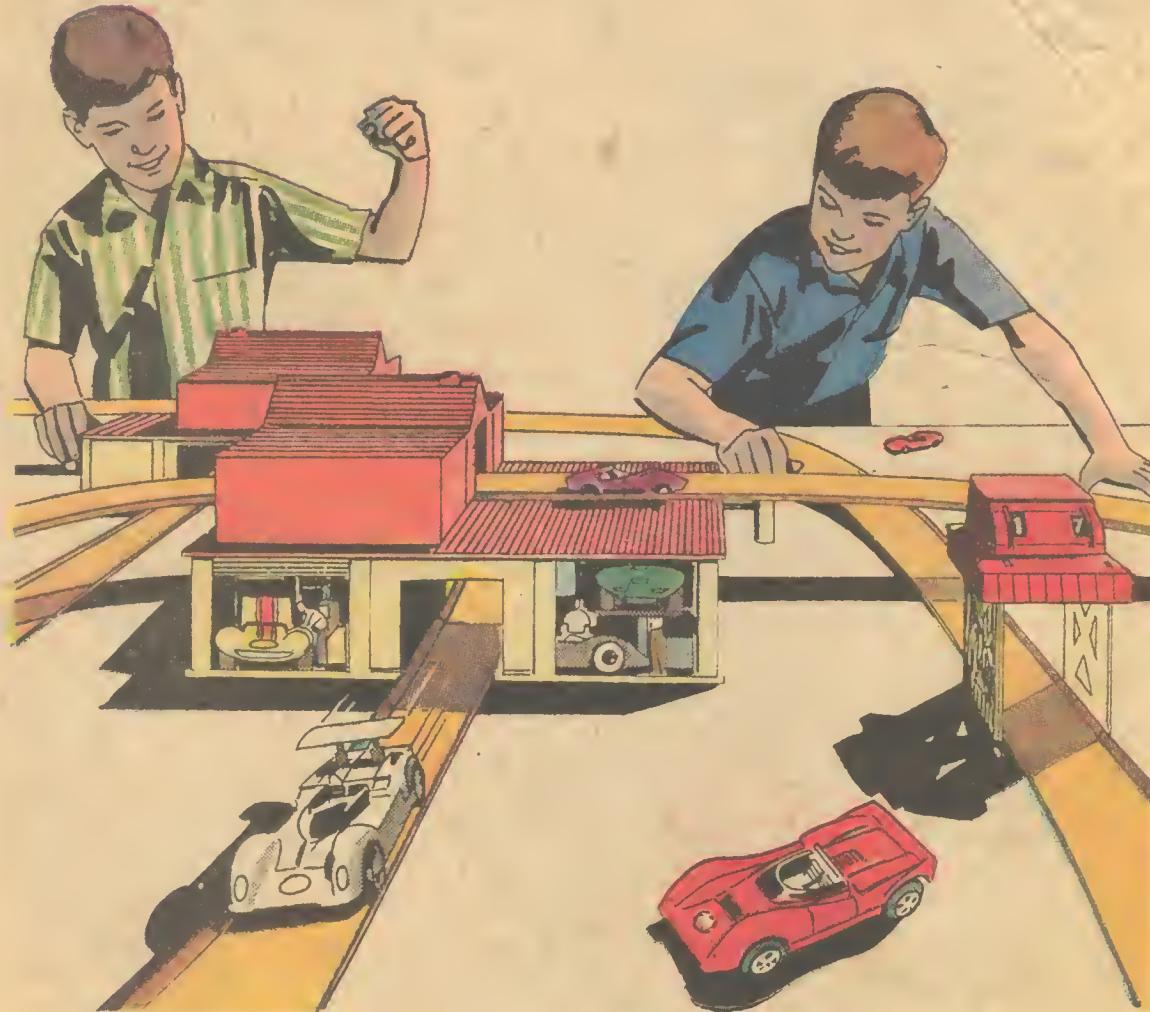
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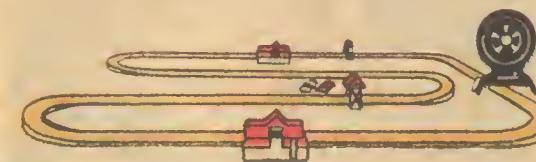
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1

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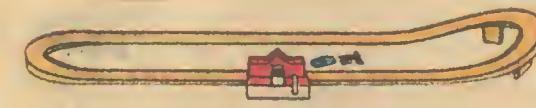
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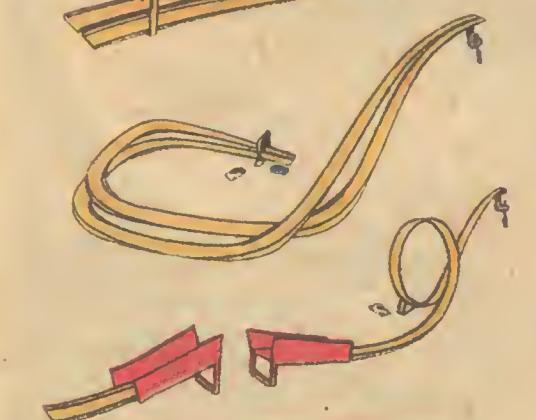
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7

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"THE EYES OF THE BASILISK!"



IT ALL BEGAN
IN A VALLEY,
WHERE FOUR
HERDSMEN
WERE LAZING
WHILE THEIR
CATTLE
GRAZED...

THIS IS A
DAY THAT
IS MADE
FOR
IDLENESS!

AYE! 'TIS A GOOD TIME TO NAP THE AFTER-
NOON AWAY!

THEN, SUDDENLY,
A LOUD HISS
WAS HEARD, AND
THE SOUND OF
MANY CATTLE,
LOWING IN FEAR...

DIKON, JALK, ADRO! LOOK! THAT
CREATURE IS SLAYING OUR CATTLE
WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM!

AYE,
WARK! WE
MUST DRIVE
IT OFF!

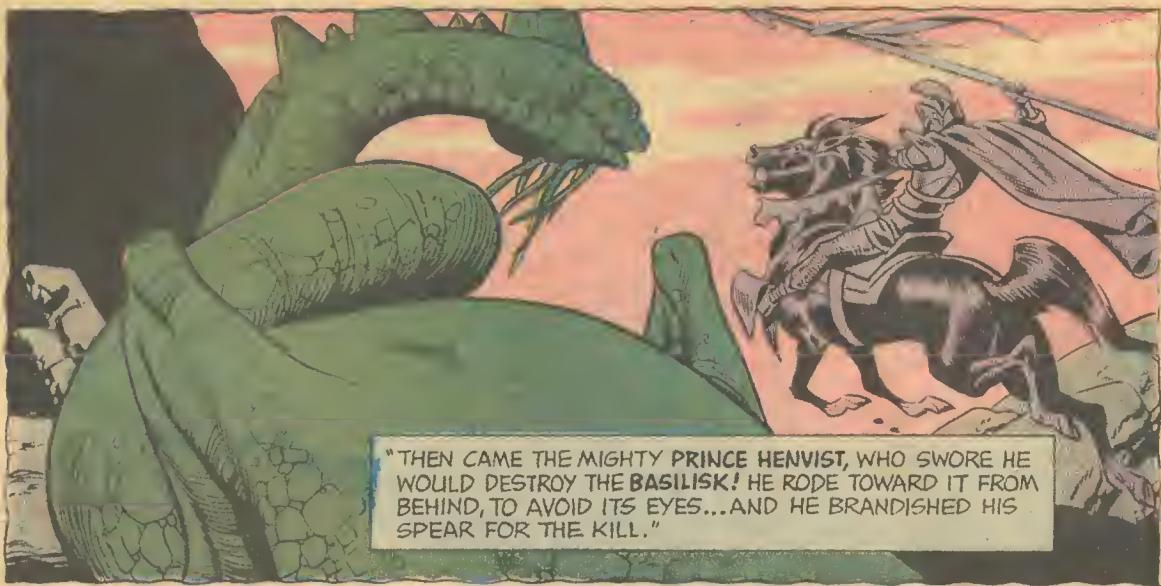


BUT AS THE EYES OF THE FOREMOST MEN MET THE BALEFUL GLARE OF THE MONSTROUS SERPENT...



A SINGLE HERDSMAN ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE...YOUNG JALK, WHO HAD NOT MET THE SERPENT'S GAZE. IN PANIC, THE LAD RACED AWAY FROM THE VALLEY, ABANDONING HIS HERDS AND HIS DEAD COMPANIONS...





"THEN CAME THE MIGHTY PRINCE HENVIST, WHO SWEARED HE WOULD DESTROY THE BASILISK! HE RODE TOWARD IT FROM BEHIND, TO AVOID ITS EYES...AND HE BRANDISHED HIS SPEAR FOR THE KILL."

"HE DID, INDEED, STRIKE HOME WITH HIS DEATH-THRUST...BUT..."

"...SO POTENT WAS THE SERPENT'S POISON THAT IT TRAVELED THROUGH THE SPEAR...THROUGH HENVIST'S BODY...AND KILLED BOTH HIM AND HIS HORSE!"



HA, HA, HA!
WHAT A STORY!
WHO COULD
BELIEVE SUCH
NONSENSE?

WOULD YE TEST THE BASILISK'S
POISON? GO YOURSELF, THEN,
TO THE VALLEY WHENCE THE
LAD ESCAPED! THE TOWN WILL
BE WELL RID OF ONE FOOL!

I DOUBT HIM NOT! I
HAVE SEEN MEN PERISH
...YEA, AND CATTLE, TOO
...FROM THE LOOK OF
THE BASILISK!

LET US SHUN THE
VALLEY...AND PRAY
THE BEAST COMES
NOT TO THE
VILLAGE!



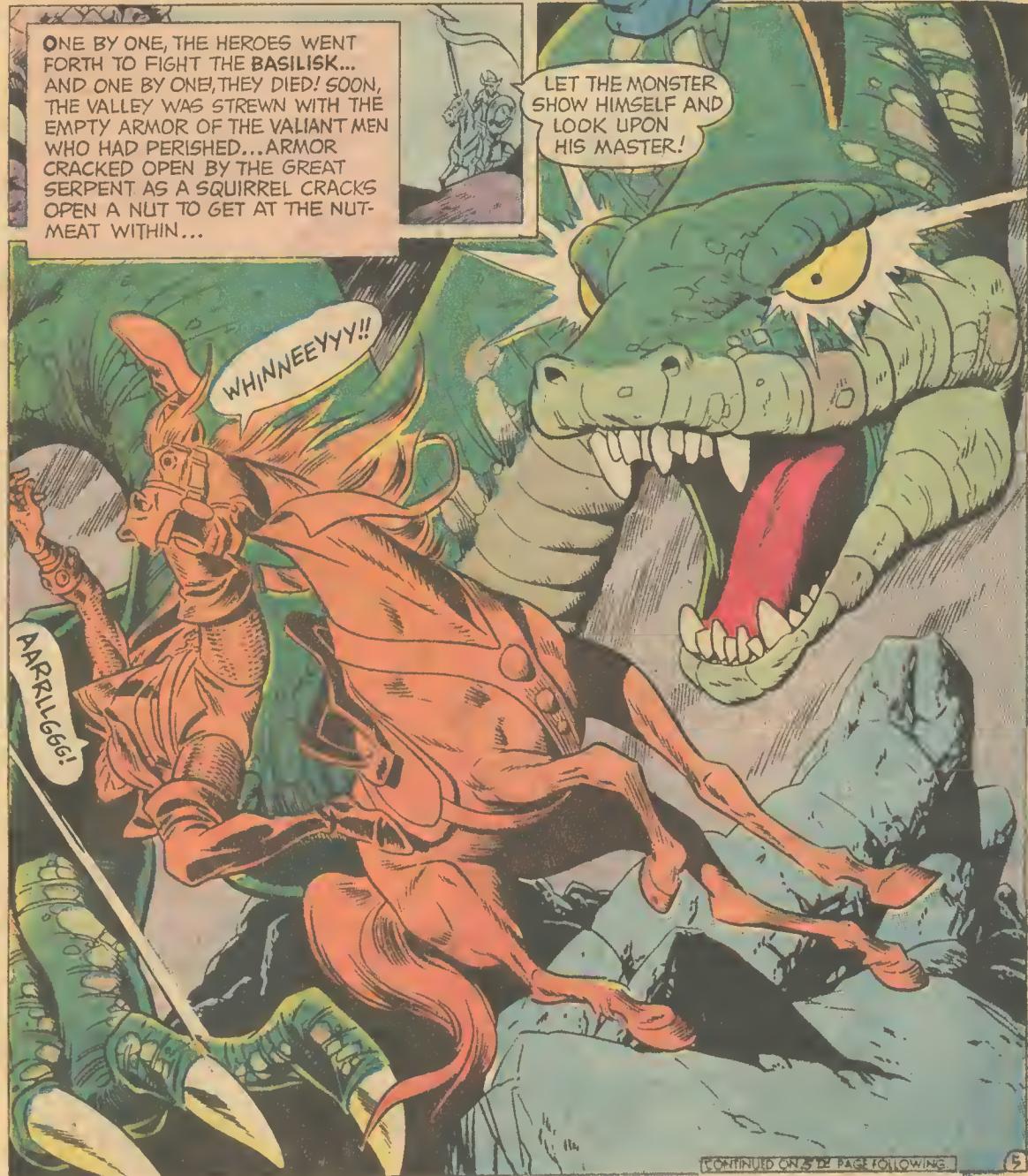
THE TOWNSFOLK HEDED THIS SAGE ADVICE, AND THE BASILISK HAD THE VALLEY TO ITSELF. ITS POISONOUS PRESENCE SOON CHANGED THE PLACE: THE TREES WITHERED, THE GRASS DIED, AND THE LAKE BECAME STAGNANT AND POLLUTED...



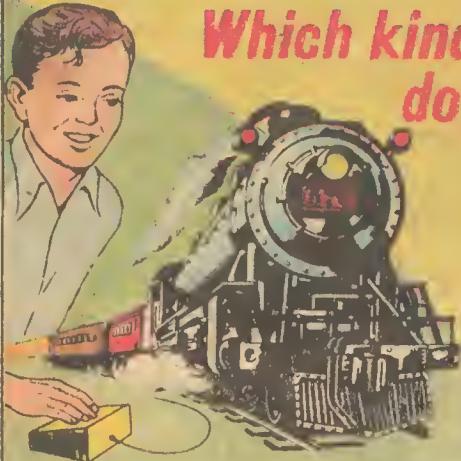
THE KING OF KARINEK, WHO WAS CALLED LUNDRU, WAS SADDENED BY THE CURSE THAT HAD FALLEN ON HIS KINGDOM, AND SENT FOR HIS CHIEF WISE MAN, CANTHROS...



SO THE PROCLAMATION WAS MADE, AND SOON THE WORD SPREAD TO ALL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AND BECAUSE ADEEN WAS LOVELY, AND KARINEK PROSPEROUS, MANY KNIGHTS AND PRINCES CAME TO TRY FOR THE PRIZE...



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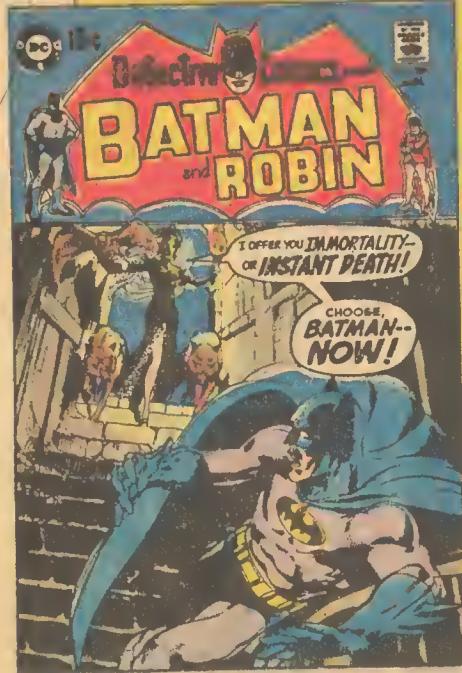
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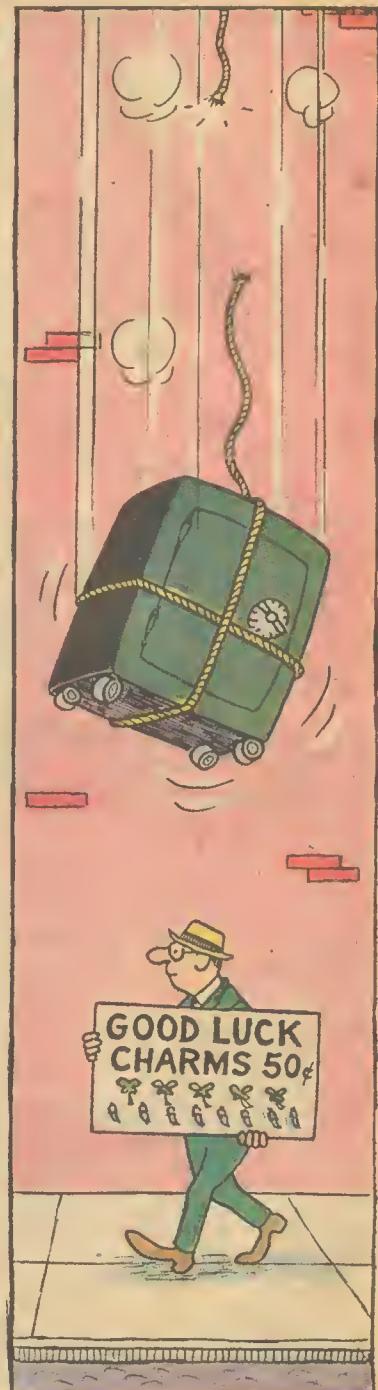


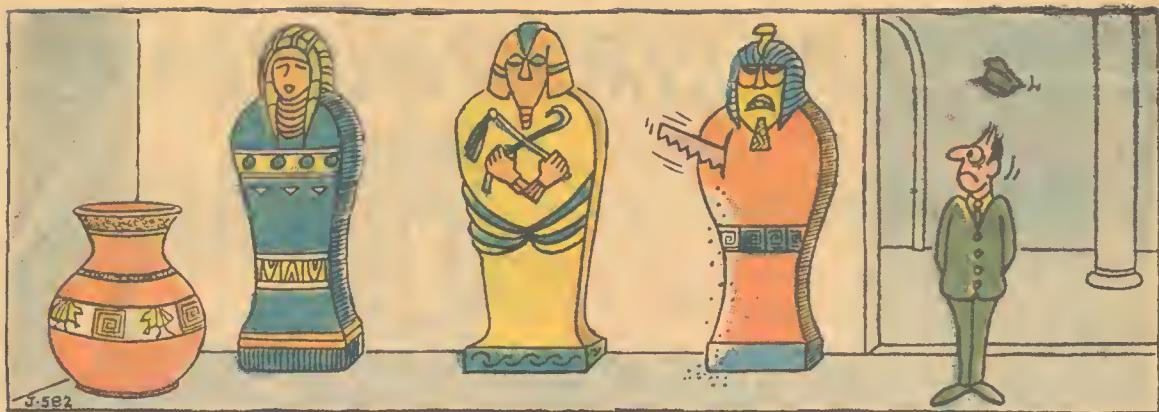
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DECISION
FOR
BATMAN
AND
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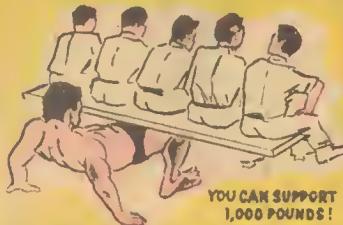
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PART II "THE EYES OF THE BASILISK!"

NOW, IN THAT LAND DWELT A NOBLEMAN NAMED NEMGARTH AND HIS TWO SONS, DURSUS THE CLEVER AND ULFAR THE AFFLICTED...

BUT, DURSUS, YOU CANNOT GO AGAINST THE BASILISK! THINK OF THE BRAVE MEN IT HAS SLAIN ALREADY!

IT SLEW THEM BECAUSE THEY RELIED ON COURAGE ALONE...NOT ON CLEVERNESS!



THAT IS WHY I AM POLISHING MY SHIELD TO A MIRROR-LIKE SHEEN. TO KILL THE SERPENT, I MUST SEE IT!

YET I MUST DO SO IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT CANNOT KILL ME!

SO INSTEAD OF LOOKING DIRECTLY AT IT, I WILL LOOK AT ITS REFLECTION IN MY SHIELD! THUS, ITS DEADLY GAZE CANNOT HARM ME!

A BRILLIANT PLAN, BROTHER!



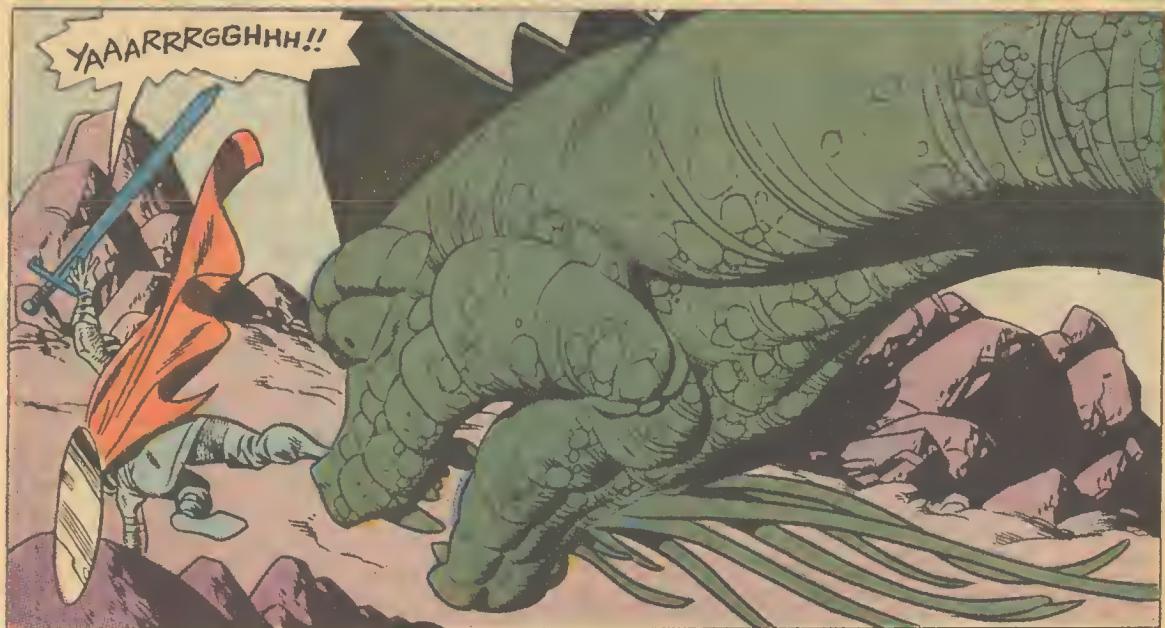
THE NEXT DAY...

NO SENSE IN ENDANGERING MY HORSE! I'LL DO BETTER WITHOUT IT, ANYWAY. HAVE IT WAITING FOR ME, ULFAR, SO I CAN RIDE TO THE PALACE AND CLAIM MY REWARD!

GOOD FORTUNE ATTEND YOU, DURSUS!



AND SO DURSUS WENT INTO THE VALLEY... WALKING BACKWARD AND GUIDING HIS STEPS BY THE REFLECTION IN HIS SHIELD...



FROM HIS STATION AT THE VALLEY'S ENTRANCE, ULFAR HEARD HIS BROTHER'S DEATH-CRY...



DRAWN BY THE SAME SOUND, TWO OF THE KING'S GUARD, WHO WERE STATIONED NEARBY, RUSHED FORWARD AND RESTRAINED ULFAR, WHO WOULD HAVE TRIED TO GO TO HIS BROTHER...



TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM,
YES! BUT I CAN STILL
AVENGE HIM!

POOR FELLOW!
SORROW HAS
ADDLED HIM!
WHAT CAN
HE DO?

ULFAR LOST NO TIME IN PREPARING HIMSELF
FOR HIS GRIM QUEST...

GO NOT, MY SON! MUST
I LOSE YOU, AS WELL
AS YOUR BROTHER? ONE
WITH YOUR AFFLICITION
CAN BE NO WARRIOR OR
DRAGON-SLAYER!

MAYHAP I AM
THE ONLY ONE WHO
CAN! 'TIS IN THE
HANDS OF THE
GODS, FATHER!

THUS IT WAS THAT
ULFAR THE AFFLICTED
STRODE INTO THE
VALLEY, TO BE MET
BY THE SLITHERING
BASILISK AND ITS
BALEFUL EYES...

HISS AWAY, OLD FELLOW!
THAT IS THE LAST SOUND
YOU'LL MAKE!

ULFAR MET THE GLANCE WITH-
OUT SO MUCH AS A BLINK...

AT LAST YOU'VE MET
SOMEONE YOU CANNOT
KILL WITH YOUR EYES!

THEN HE UNVEILED HIS SECRET
WEAPON... A MIRROR!

NOW, OLD SERPENT... BEHOLD
YOUR OWN REFLECTION!

AND THE POISONOUS GLARE
OF THE BASILISK, TURNED
BACK UPON ITSELF, KILLED
THE BRUTE...

I KNEW IT! NO SERPENT
IS IMMUNE TO ITS OWN POISON
...NOT EVEN THE KING OF
SERPENTS! BROTHER DURSUS,
YOU ARE AVENGED!



WHEN NEWS OF THE SLAYING OF THE BASILISK SPREAD, THE PEOPLE CARRIED ULFAR IN TRIUMPH TO THE PALACE...



SOON, KING LUNDRI WELCOMED THE HERO, AND PRESENTED HIM TO HIS FUTURE BRIDE...

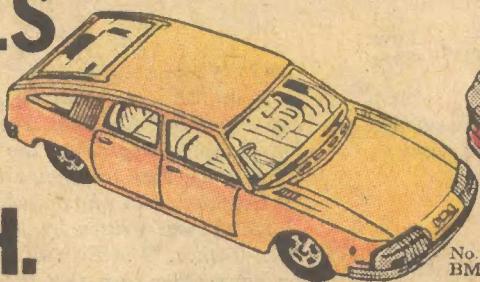
THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, ADEEN! TOMORROW YOU WILL BE WED...AND I COULD NOT WISH FOR A WORTHIER SON-IN-LAW!

THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!

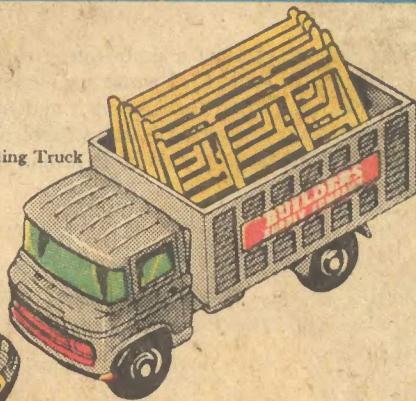
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Hi weirdos and wackos...lovers of the supernatural, little beasties of the dark, this is your leader...ME...CAIN. Hee Hee Hee. Back again and in the flesh...IN THE FLESH?? Well maybe I lie a little. So I walk through a door once in a while but please...you vile vixens...you little ruffians...do not reveal my secret or...or...gad, the very thought of it sends me into a cold chill...come closer...if you tell what you know about me I will lose my job as caretaker of the HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

So remember, keep your li'l traps closed or I'll send Grogory after you. Who's Grogory?? My pet gargoyle of course. He just loves little kids. Hee Hee.

Anyway come on down to the MAIL ROOM and help me open letters...watch your step...that board is loose...one of these days I'll get around to fixing it.

Ahaa here's a letter, very pretty yellow stationery, mmmm...it's from Karen DiBenedetto of Arlington, Virginia; it says...

Dear Cain:

I loved the issue No. 179. The story I liked best is the Widow's Walk. Do you have other issues like it, what I mean is, do you have the same titles like Lois Lane and all? I really like the man, Cain. Is he in any other of your mags? If you do have any other mags like No. 179 I am going to start collecting them.

Love.

Karen

Thanks, Karen, the Widow was one of my favorite people too...such a patient woman. Here's a letter from D.S.

Dear Cain,

I was looking through a past issue, No. 177 and I found a lease for room 13. I wrote my name on it and cut it out! I then spied the key on it and formed the likeness of the key in wax, I became flustered and put the key in the hole of my door. It fit and opened it! What can I do?

Love,

D.S.

Dear D.S.:

Put the number 13 on your door...immediately. You're a winner! Here's a letter from Karen Armitage of Wis.

Dear Cain,

There is only one way I can express my views on "The House of Mystery" #181...Spine-tingling! That is the best issue yet. I like your stories better than Abel's in The House of Secrets.

Sincerely,
Karen Armitage

Karen...You're a doll...One thing that warms the cockles of my heart and makes my ears tingle is that you like the stories from the House of Mystery better than Abel's stories in the House of Secrets.

Here's a letter from an old friend, Allen Benner... Allen writes like he knows what it's all about and it's funny to see how he's more wrong than right. HA! Greetings Cain,

Once again, Neal Adams was triumphant. He had the best story in issue #181 with the misleading title of "The Siren of Satan". Unfortunately, the Dark Master didn't appear. The author, I presume, was Howie Post. I always appreciate the special touches of Adam's art; the "possessed" features of the prowlers of the night, the extravagant extras such as wandering spectres, rats, and the feeling of force that is transmitted with tragedy strikes. Then, to top it off, there was an "unended" ending and a warning to the reader!

For a supporting story, "Sir Greeley's Revenge" was satisfactory. Another inker could have improved the art. Anyway, what are we doing with a snowstorm in June! Through your misinterpretation of my letter printed in #181 you have probably set off a flood of obscenities in my direction! By quoting me out of context ("why have a letter column?") you missed my point and merely furthered my accusations. Rephrasing my query, I asked, "If you don't even consider suggestions, why have a letter column?" To me, the purpose of the column is for fans to sound off their likes and dislikes, staff-wise and to forward helpful hints for the mag's improvement. One good step in that direction—you gave into the consensus and published a supernatural giant. Well, with a brother like Abel, I guess you can't help it!

Sincerely,
Allen Benner, Hanover, Pa.

Wrong Allen...Heh...Heh... "The Siren of Satan" in issue 181 was drawn by Bernie Wrightson...the author was Bob Kanigher. You're right about the ending though. I appreciate the dig at brother Abel... Keep it up. Just so tenants like Allen Benner don't get confused as to who did what in this issue. "Turner's Treasure" was written by Jack Oleck and drawn by Alex Toth... "The Eyes of the Basilisk" was written by none other than that groovy E. Nelson Bridwell and drawn by Gil Kane, inked by Wally Wood.

Well be seeing you bug-eyed cats and kittens...
Your friendly caretaker,
Cain